

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 12-20 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection. Hence, Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office withdraw the double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and further requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-5 and 12-20.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely 1-5 and 12-20, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

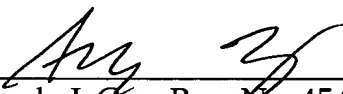
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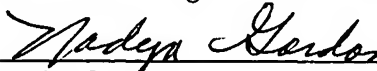
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